

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 7-14 and 17-19 are pending in the application. Claims 7 and 17 are amended, claims 6 and 16 are cancelled, and new claims 18-19 are added with this response. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-2 and 9-14. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 6-8 AND 16-17 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 6-8 and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. Publication No. 2002/0123316 (Sih et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,571,088 (Hasegawa). Claims 6 and 16 are cancelled with this response. New claims 18 and 19 depend upon claims 1 and 13, respectively, which have both been held allowable. Therefore claims 18-19 are also allowable over the cited art. Claims 7-8 and claim 17 depend upon new claims 18 and 19, respectively, and thus are also believed to be allowable.

II. CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, the claims currently under consideration are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, LLP116US.

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